

Congressman Rodriguez believes that hard-working taxpayers deserve to have representatives who watch out for the bottom line. That's why he has supported major legislation to rein in congressional spending and ensure that Congress learns to live within a budget, just like working families do.

Making Congress account for every dollar through the Pay-as-You-Go legislation, originally started under President Ronald Reagan. For every dollar spent, there must be a corresponding dollar that is cut or saved. Congressman Rodriguez was one of 169 sponsors on this bill, which holds Congress accountable.

Congressman Rodriguez was one of only a handful of Democrats who voted "NO" to the \$700 billion bailout of banks, known as TARP (the Troubled Assets Relief Program). Too many banks took the government money while giving out million dollar bonuses to executives. Congressman Rodriguez also voted "NO" to the \$80 billion bailout of GM and Chrysler.

"The American people are the ones who need help, not big banks and automakers," Congressman Rodriguez said. "Creating jobs, supporting small businesses, and lending a hand to working families – that is how we will recover from these challenging economic times."